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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-43)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-153) (P)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
MAJOR URBAN AREAS  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Minneapolis airtels and letterhead memoranda dated 1/19/68 and 1/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination in this matter.

Pertinent changes in the categories listed have been set forth in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, copies of which have been disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, U. S. Secret Service, NIS, MI Group, and to OSI.

Sources referred to in the enclosed letterhead memorandum are identified as follows:

First source, [redacted]

Second source, [redacted]  
who was contacted by SA [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
- 5 - Minneapolis  
     (2 - 157-153) (PRV)  
     (1 - 157-143) (ST. PAUL RACIAL)  
     (1 - 157-150) (MINNEAPOLIS RACIAL)  
     (1 - 157-383) [redacted]

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Third source, [redacted] under development as a confidential source [redacted] who requested his identity remain confidential. [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted]  
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Other sources referred to in the enclosed letterhead memorandum include [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] whose identities have previously been furnished to the Bureau.

Minneapolis is continuing the program to improve and expand source coverage in both private and public agencies participating in programs pointed toward integration in the community of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Close liaison is being maintained with local and state officials having responsibilities in this area as well as with local law enforcement agencies. Individual cases have been opened concerning persons residing within those areas identified as having the greatest potential for racial violence, looking toward development of these persons as racial informants.

The Minneapolis Division has no information at this time concerning foreign involvement in the Black Nationalist movement-racial matters in accordance with SAC letter 67-66 dated 11/7/67.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-153

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE  
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Reference is made to Minneapolis, Minnesota, letterhead memorandum dated January 29, 1968. The following pertinent changes are noted in the categories listed:

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. The information set forth is based on the comments and views of local government officials, police officials, leaders of various racial groups, established sources, and sources of public information, and pertains to the racial situation as of the time their views were expressed. The possibility that the racial situation in any particular area may abruptly change at anytime must be taken into consideration.


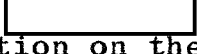
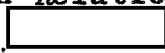
The information set forth in this letterhead memorandum has been developed through liaison with sources familiar with the various aspects of the overall racial situation in the Minneapolis - St. Paul, Minnesota, area.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

General Racial Conditions  
and Current Evaluation  
of Violence Potential



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 The Minneapolis City Council, meeting on Friday, January 26, 1968, reconsidered the nomination of  Minneapolis Northside Negro, for a position on the Minneapolis Human Rights Commission, also referred to as the Human Relations Commission. Members of the council rejected  nomination to this commission for the second time.

ENCLOSURE

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The Minneapolis Morning Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in its issue of January 30, 1968, carried an article captioned [ ] Urged to 'Back Down' on [ ]. This article states: "A Republican businessman urged [ ] on Monday to 'back down' rather than compromise, and seat [ ] on the Minneapolis Commission on Human Relations."

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According to this article, Raymond Plank, president of Apache Corporation, told [ ] "a prospective Republican candidate for mayor, that his future would be 'better served' by doing an about-face on the [ ] controversy."

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In addition, this article refers to a possible compromise by the City Council which would rest on expansion of the Minneapolis Commission on Human Relations, with a proposal to add six members, making a total of twenty-one commission members. An agreement is to be worked out prior to the February 9, 1968, meeting of the City Council.

This article described Raymond Plank as a member of the Board of Directors of "The Way," a Plymouth Avenue community center; President of the Minneapolis Boys' Club; former chairman of the now dissolved Governor's Human Rights Commission; and one of fourteen appointees confirmed to the Minneapolis Commission on Human Relations.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on January 29, 1968, that [ ] has accomplished something by his leadership in the refusal to seat [ ] on the Minneapolis Commission on Human Relations so far as the Negro community is concerned that no other person heretofore has been able to accomplish. According to this source, members of the Negro community, moderates and militants, have joined together in the Negro Coalition in a united campaign to demand that [ ] be seated as a member of the Minneapolis Commission on Human Relations.

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held December 18, 1967, the recruitment of Negro teachers resolution was approved by members of the school board. The school board unanimously adopted a policy approving active recruitment of qualified and competent non-white individuals to teach in the Saint Louis Park school system.

A third source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on January 31, 1968, that the Urban Coalition, an organization of businessmen in the Minneapolis community, is striving to improve the overall conditions within the City of Minneapolis which have a bearing on minority problems. This source commented that while the business community generally feels the members of the Minneapolis City Council properly rejected [redacted] for membership on the Commission on Human Relations, it should have been handled without the extensive press coverage. The positions of Mayor Naftalin and [redacted] have resulted in a serious division of the Minneapolis community into Negro and anti-Negro groups.

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Members of the business community active in the Urban Coalition have quietly urged [redacted] to seek a compromise position which will result in the placing of [redacted] on the commission. This source advised that Raymond Plank and [redacted] have in the past conducted rigorous campaigns to involve various businessmen and foundations in the community in support of neighborhood Negro efforts. Each of these individuals has sought monetary support for "The Way," and [redacted] has also sought support for "Project Equality," a program wherein local businesses refuse to deal with other companies who do not actively support integration in the conduct of their activities.

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This source advised that by being able to refer individual appeals for monetary support to the Urban Coalition, the local businessman is less subject to acting out of fear of pressure being applied and can rather look forward to a studied and considered action being taken to arrive at a

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] and Mr. Raymond Plank, President of Apache Corporation, have been named to the board of the United Fund of the Minneapolis area.